



Tuesday and Wednesday, 29 and 30 June 2021

Judicial Training Methods

Seminar on “Ethics, bias, assessment of evidence, judicial resilience”

ONLINE, ZOOM
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Description of the programme

A seminar focusing on judicial skills, including evaluating and assessing evidence. This programme is very similar to the programme 'ethics, bias and evidence' which ran in 2020 and is based, in part, on materials used at earlier seminars as part of the EJTN Judgecraft programme. The seminar will address some of the psychological issues which can affect the way in which judges evaluate the evidence they hear and will also discuss judicial ethics, judicial resilience and issues of unconscious bias and how it can affect judicial decision making.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the seminar the participants will be able to:

- Remind themselves of issues relating to judicial ethics and conduct,
- Understand many issues relating to the assessment of the credibility and reliability of evidence,
- Consider and apply strategies for managing the impact of unconscious bias on judicial behaviour and decisions,
- Reflect on the pressures affecting judges and identify proactive ways to strengthen their resilience.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 29 June 2021

Activity Coordinator: Andrew Hatton, Judicial College, UK

9.30 – 9.45	Welcome by EJTN <i>Registration and admission of participants on the online platform</i>	Monika Ramos , Interim Project Manager EJTN
9.45 – 10.30	Welcome and presentation on “Judicial Ethics”	Andrew Hatton , Judicial College, UK
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Questions and discussion</i>	
10.45 - 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 12.00	Presentation on “Unconscious Bias”	Michelle Austin , Judicial College, UK
12.00 – 12.15	<i>Questions and discussion</i>	
12.15 – 13.15	Presentation on “Assessing Credibility and Reliability” Part 1	Leslie Cuthbert , Judicial College, UK
13.15	End of Day 1	

Wednesday 30 June 2021

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9.15 – 9.30	<i>Registration and admission of participants on the online platform</i>	Monika Ramos , Interim Project Manager EJTN
9.30 – 10.45	Presentation on “Assessing Credibility and Reliability” Part 2	Leslie Cuthbert , Judicial College, UK
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Questions and discussion on the issues raised</i>	
11.15 – 11.30	Break	

11.30 – 12.30	Presentation on “Judicial Resilience”	Michelle Austin , Judicial College, UK
12.30 – 12.45	<i>Questions and Discussion</i>	
12.45 – 13.00	Final remarks, closing of the seminar	Andrew Hatton (AC)

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

Andrew Hatton, Judicial College (UK)

SPEAKERS

Michelle Austin, Chartered psychologist and Head of the education team, Judicial College (UK)

Leslie Cuthbert, Judge and a trainer, Judicial College (UK)

Andrew Hatton, Judge and trainer, Judicial College (UK)

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